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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Karl-Hermann SCHLINGENSIEPEN et al

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For: AN ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PREPARATION METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "any one of the claims 1 or 2",
insert --claim 1--;
Claim 5, line 1, delete "and/or 4";
Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of the claims 1 to 5",
insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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